

Hate Crime Reporting

1998

Introduction

In response to a growing concern about hate crimes, the President of the U.S. signed into law on April 23, 1990, the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990. The Act required the U.S. Attorney General to establish guidelines and collect, through the UCR Program, data "about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, including where appropriate the crimes of murder, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson and destruction or vandalism of property." The Hate Crime Statistics Act was amended by the Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to include crimes motivated by a bias against persons with disabilities. In order to comply with the amendment, the FBI began collecting data on disability crime in 1997.

The enactment of Federal legislation requiring the collection and publication of nationwide hate crime statistics prompted the N.C. General Assembly to pass hate crime legislation. This legislation allows for stiffer penalties for crimes committed solely on the basis of hate and provided funding for the N.C. Justice Academy to train law enforcement agencies in hate crime reporting. The N.C. Justice Academy began training law enforcement agencies during the fall of 1992, and in 1997, the Division of Criminal Information (DCI) began conducting hate crime training. This training continues statewide.

DCI also provides assistance to agencies in hate crime reporting by providing forms, reporting assistance and statistical analysis. From 1992 through 1994, DCI received a limited number of hate crime reports. In 1995, fifty-nine agencies reported 52 hate crime incidents to DCI; in 1996, eighty-three agencies reported 34 hate crime incidents; in 1997, twenty-two agencies reported 42 hate crime incidents; and in 1998 seventeen agencies reported 39 hate crime incidents. While this limited participation is not sufficient to allow valid statewide measures of the volume and types of crimes motivated by hate, these reports do offer perspectives on the general nature of hate crime occurrences.

Methodology

This section contains tables that address the volume and types of bias-motivated criminal incidents reported to the DCI during 1998. Criminal incidents can involve more than one offense, victim, or offender. For counting purposes, one offense is counted for each victim of a "crime against person." One offense is counted for each distinct operation of "crime against property," regardless of the number of victims. The total number of victims in a given incident is the sum of victims associated with each offense that took place within the incident.

Agencies Reporting Hate Crime by Bias Motivation - 1998

Agency Name	Number of Incidents	Race	Ethnicity	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Disability
Bunn Police	2	2	0	0	0	0
Chapel Hill Police	6	2	1	1	2	0
Duke University Police	2	0	0	0	2	0
Gaston County Police	1	1	0	0	0	0
Greensboro Police	8	8	0	0	0	0
Iredell County Sheriff	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kernersville Police	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lexington Police	3	2	0	1	0	0
Long View Police	1	1	0	0	0	0
Morehead City Police	1	1	0	0	0	0
Murphy Police	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pitt County Sheriff	3	2	1	0	0	0
Raleigh Police	3	2	0	0	0	1
Rutherford County Sheriff	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rockingham County Sheriff	1	1	0	0	0	0
Southern Pines Police	1	1	0	0	0	0
Thomasville Police	2	2	0	0	0	0
UNC-Chapel Hill Police	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	30	3	2	4	1

Number of Hate Crime Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Offenders by Bias Motivation 1998

Bias Motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims ¹	Known Offenders ²
Total	40	53	58	36
Race:	30	42	46	26
Anti-White	6	7	7	13
Anti-Black	22	32	36	12
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	2	3	3	1
Anti-Multi-Racial Group	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity/National Origin:	3	4	4	3
Anti-Hispanic	2	2	2	3
Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	1	2	2	0
Religion:	2	2	3	0
Anti-Jewish	0	0	0	0
Anti-Catholic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Protestant	2	2	3	0
Anti-Islamic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Other Religion	0	0	0	0
Anti-Multi-Religious Group	0	0	0	0
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	0	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation:	4	4	4	6
Anti-Male Homosexual	2	2	2	5
Anti-Female Homosexual	0	0	0	0
Anti-Homosexual	2	2	2	1
Anti-Heterosexual	0	0	0	0
Anti-Bisexual	0	0	0	0
Disability:	1	1	1	1
Anti-Physical Disability	1	1	1	1
Anti-Mental Disability	0	0	0	0

¹The term "victim" may refer to a person, businesses, institution or society as a whole.

²The term "known offender" does not imply that the identity of the suspect is known, but only that an attribute of the suspect is identified which distinguishes him/her from an unknown offender.

Location of Hate Crime Incidents by Bias Motivation 1998

	Total Incidents	Race	Ethnicity/ National Origin	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Disability
Total	40	30	3	2	4	1
Location						
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bar/Night Club	1	0	1	0	0	0
Church/Synagogue/Temple	2	0	0	2	0	0
Commercial/Office Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convenience Store	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department/Discount Store	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Store/Dr.'s Office/Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Field/Woods	0	0	0	0	0	0
Government/Public Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grocery/Supermarket	2	2	0	0	0	0
Highway/Road/Alley/Street	2	1	1	0	0	0
Hotel/Motel/etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jail/Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake/Waterway	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Store	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking Lot/Garage	2	1	0	0	1	0
Rental Storage Facility	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residence/Home	17	15	0	0	1	1
Restaurant	3	2	1	0	0	0
School/College	10	8	0	0	2	0
Service/Gas Station	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specialty Store (TV, Fur, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	0

Number of Hate Crime Offenses by Suspected Offender's Race - 1998

	Total Offenses ¹	White	Black	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Multi- Racial Group	Unknown
Total	53	20	9	0	0	0	24
Crimes Against Persons:	38	16	9	0	0	0	13
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	8	5	3	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	12	5	6	0	0	0	1
Intimidation	18	6	0	0	0	0	12
Crimes Against Property:	15	4	0	0	0	0	11
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism	15	4	0	0	0	0	11

Number of Hate Crime Offenses, Victims and Offenders by Offense - 1998

	Offenses ¹	Victims ²	Known Offenders ³
Total	53	58	38⁴
Crimes Against Persons:	38	39	32
Murder	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	8	8	13
Simple Assault	12	12	10
Intimidation	18	19	9
Crimes Against Property:	15	19	6
Robbery	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism	15	19	6

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⁴ The actual number of known offenders is 36. However, some offenders committed more than one offense per incident and are, therefore, counted more than once in this table.